

# INVESTIGATIONS DEMANDED INTO CHARGES BY STEWART AND SUNBURY LEGISLATOR

Atkinson Claims Too Large Annual Drain On N. B. Timber and Accuses Hetherington of Granting Special Cutting Right

DYSART WANTS PROBE FOR VENIOT

Kent Man Urges Baxter to Appoint Judge and Sift Alleged Irregularities in New Brunswick Public Works Department in Addressing Provincial House

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FREDERICTON, N. B., April 13.—Conservation of the forest wealth of the province through the elimination of promiscuous cutting and slashing was strongly advocated by E. C. Atkinson, government member for Sunbury, in a forceful speech in the budget debate tonight in the house.

Mr. Atkinson devoted a considerable portion of his speech to lumbering and during the course of his address made a charge that the former acting minister of lands and mines, Hon. Dr. J. E. Hetherington, granted a special cutting privilege, contrary to regulations, to the company of which R. B. Smith, former member for Sunbury, was manager. He demanded a complete investigation before the public accounts committee of his charges.

A somewhat similar demand was made by A. A. Dysart, opposition member for Kent and former speaker of the House, in a very able speech in the afternoon, in which he asked, on behalf of Hon. P. J. Veniot, that the premier appoint a judge of the Supreme Court to investigate irregularities as charged by Hon. D. A. Stewart of Hon. Mr. Veniot's administration of the department.

Mr. Dysart declared that if these charges were proven, Hon. Mr. Veniot would resign his seat while, if on the other hand, they were not substantiated, that Hon. Mr. Stewart should resign his seat. Respecting the Crown Lands, Mr. Dysart advocated the appointment of an independent commission to classify the provincial holdings and fix the stumpage rate on such economic values. A cast-iron stumpage rate for the entire province was untenable, Mr. Dysart declared. All three speakers today made excellent impressions and were warmly congratulated at the finish.

DR. OULTON SPEAKS.

Mr. Atkinson was followed during the evening by Dr. M. A. Oulton, government member for Canadian trade for Canadian ports, claiming such a policy would greatly aid the Maritime times. Both Mr. Atkinson and Dr. Oulton criticized the Health Act. Hon. E. A. Reilly, chairman of the health commission, will continue the debate tomorrow.

DISCUSSING LUMBER SITUATION.

Discussing the lumber situation, Mr. Atkinson said in part: "My knowledge of the forests of this province convince me that our vast acreage of over seven million acres will support an annual cutting of not over 175,000,000 feet. For the last 17 years we have practically cut two million acres of forest to the extent of almost 100,000,000 feet per year as the following figures indicate:

Year	Feet
1908	152,318,000
1909	203,741,000
1910	281,716,000
1911	309,883,000
1912	292,809,000
1913	270,221,000
1914	298,120,000
1915	245,000,000
1916	238,000,000
1917	180,000,000
1918	222,000,000
1919	365,000,000
1920	214,000,000
1921	85,000,000
1922	221,000,000
1923	382,000,000
1924	270,000,000
Total	4,469,912,000

Average per year ..... 263,000,000

QUESTION OF DURATION.

"How long can our forests stand this promiscuous cutting and slashing?"

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DYSART SPEAKS.

Referring to Hon. Mr. Stewart's speech in the budget debate, Mr. Dysart said:

"The impression sought to be left by the Minister of Public Works that because of certain information given by B. M. Hill, chief road engineer, to Messrs. E. Sullivan and J. H. Adams, of Campbellton, Hon. Dr. Hetherington had been higher than was their first intention on the roadwork between Campbellton and St. John's and that this was done in order to switch the contract to Concrete Builders is in direct contradiction with the facts as published by the minister himself in his 1925 report.

Sullivan and Adams tendered only one section of this road, Grogg Brook to Robinsonville, 22 miles. There were five tenders received and four of these were from \$18,000 to \$30,000 below Sullivan and Adams.

TENDERS FOR WORK.

Here are the tenders: Concrete Builders ..... \$91,234.60 J. E. & D. F. Connolly ..... 91,896.86 Guilford Hammond ..... 98,214.80 H. J. Phillips ..... 102,139.30 Sullivan & Adams ..... 120,886.60 Continuing, he said it would be seen that Sullivan and Adams were the highest bidder. According to the minister, the estimate of Sullivan and Adams was

have been about \$12,000 that they added the extra \$10,000 in the way suggested by him. Even at that figure they were some \$10,000 below the bid of the fourth highest tender.

CHARGE UNWARRANTED.

These facts clearly prove how far astray the Minister of Public Works was in making a statement so flagrantly unwarranted. If he had examined his own printed report he would have seen at a glance that any suspicion he may have had in this matter could not be borne out by the facts as they really existed. "I wish to deal for a short time with the charges of irregularities made by the Hon. Minister of Public Works during his speech on Friday last," said Mr. Dysart.

AWARDING OF CONTRACT.

"I will first take up his statement touching the awarding of the contract for the Campbellton-St. Leonard road to the effect that the awarding of such contract was a foregone conclusion that it would be given to the Concrete Builders. I am instructed by the Hon. Mr. Veniot, who was Minister of Public Works at the time, to give a point blank denial to such a statement, there being absolutely no foundation for any such inference. The tenders were called for in the afternoon of the 12th of the month and the lowest tender, that of the Concrete Builders, was not opened until the 14th of the month. No thought of a pre-arranged plan for awarding the contract was ever entertained.

VENIOT WANTS INQUIRY.

"The Hon. Mr. Veniot further authorities me to say that he is prepared and anxious that the present Minister of Public Works have the whole matter investigated as to the method of awarding such contract and that such investigation be held by any Judge of the Supreme Court to be named by the Premier. He further authorities me to say that should it be found that there was any ground or reason for the statement made touching any arrangement such as hinted at by the minister he will immediately resign his seat. On the other hand, if nothing of that nature can be proved the minister making the charge will do likewise.

INVITES CHARGES.

"I am also instructed by Mr. Veniot to invite the Minister of Public Works to formulate specific charges of irregularity in connection with the Copeland bridge work. It was never denied that the contract had not been given to the lowest tender. That fact was published in the report of the department. There were good and valid reasons for not giving the work to the lowest tender and the reasons were given to the House during the session of 1925, and fully discussed at that time. Let this also be investigated by a competent person, and he will be able to prove that there was absolutely nothing irregular about it.

BRIDGE HELD NECESSARY.

"Let me say that this bridge is necessary and I hope the minister will yet see his way clear to build it. So far as the Pickett bridge is concerned, it is well known that this bridge was promised the people by the Conservative party during the election of 1917, when they met defeat. "It was to replace an old bridge built many years ago and of very poor type. It formed an important connecting link with other sections of Queens county. I am told. "There was a difference of opinion among the people, but it was merely as to the type of bridge, not the necessity of the bridge.

LET IN USUAL WAY.

"The present minister himself admitted that it was hard to decide what the people wanted there. The contract was let in the usual way and a great deal of the work was gone on with before the election and when the present Government assumed office the contractor was notified to cease work. There may have been an error in judgment, but I defy the minister to point out any irregularity in this transaction. "Regarding the Lancaster work, the Lancaster Highway Board is a body independent of government control. They applied to the Government for aid in improving the main thoroughfare through Fairville and on to Manchester's Corner, which is a part of the trunk line to St. Stephen and Fredericton. Owing to the fact that the Government owned a very large amount of property there, which was not paying any taxes, it was decided to give some aid.

DISPUTE ARISES.

"There has arisen a dispute between the Highway Board and the former Minister of Public Works as to what proportion it was understood the Government should contribute. The arrangement as understood by the ex-minister is contained in correspondence now before the public accounts committee, and apparently the present Highway Board is not satisfied with this. All the work involved is to be paid for some in part and some in whole by the Government was done under a contract called for by the Lancaster Highway Board, a preparation of plans by their engineer and submitted to and approved by the provincial road engineer and the then Minister of Public Works. It is not true that the work was not inspected by an official of the department. It was at different periods inspected both by the chief road engineer and by the ex-minister and the department was at all times in touch with the carrying out of this work. The engineer of the Lancaster Highway Board was

Don't Neglect The Children's Coughs and Colds

Mrs. Wm. W. Card, Baneroff, Ont., writes:—"Last winter my three children had very bad colds, and they would cough all night long, which was very annoying to the rest of the family. I could get nothing to help them until one night, a friend who was praying with me, advised me to give them

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the able manner in which he presented his first budget to the House. He was sure the honorable Provincial Secretary had lived up to the fondest hopes of his supporters, at the same time putting the opposition to flight.

A remark of the leader of the Opposition during his speech on the address "that history would repeat itself" had come as a surprise. He had not realized before that the party of which his honorable friends was leader had lost all hope of gaining a larger following in the House and that at the next election only two members would adorn the Opposition benches and repeat the history of 1917. He was fully convinced that as long as the honorable leader of the Opposition remained at the helm, all hope for his party was dead.

FINANCIAL CONDITION.

He wished to take up the present financial condition of the province. In 1917 our capital liabilities were \$1,827,638.38. At the close of the year 1925 they were \$37,999,314.94, an increase of over twenty million in eight years. How long, he would ask, could we continue at this rapid rate? The Provincial Secretary valued our assets at \$83,565,088. With this valuation he could not entirely agree, especially the value placed on our public domain.

For argument's sake we would accept this \$83,565,088 valuation. If this government should be so unwise as to follow the same financial strides of

their predecessor, in twenty years our whole assets would be wiped out. Then what would happen? Could the opposition, who advocated such foolish ideas, give a solution? Were they all imbued with the same financial "Fond" ideas that existed in the minds of their party when they occupied the treasury benches of this province previous to August 10 last?

CROWN LAND QUESTION.

The question of our crown land policy had been a live issue in this province for many years. Each succeeding government had been as much at fault as its predecessor.

PROSPERITY LOOKED FOR.

With the development of Grand Falls in the near future and the transfer of the long lumber business into pulp and paper output a larger revenue should be received and a more prosperous lumber industry should exist. The people demanded, yes, insisted, that whatever government might be in power in the future, there must be a sane and safe Crown Land policy. No more "Northumberland Deals" would ever be tolerated by the people of the province. There had been too much granting of special privileges to lumbermen. Last year a member of this House secured from the Acting Minister of Lands and Mines an 80 per cent. classification of his cut on Little River, Sunbury county, with respect to spruce to fir. This was secured contrary to the regulations

governing the classification of defective lumber.

ACCUSES HETHERINGTON.

Mr. Atkinson charged the former Acting Minister of Mines and Lands (Dr. Hetherington) with wilfully granting a special privilege, contrary to the government regulations for the cutting of lumber, without first obtaining a true statement of the actual conditions. He also charged the ex-member for Sunbury (Smith) with using his political position to obtain special privileges for the concern of which he was manager. He would request that this legislature ask the Public Accounts Committee to investigate this whole transaction and make a report thereon.

Regarding the licensing of automobiles, he found that a large number of cars which had once been registered, had not had the licenses renewed in 1924 and 1925. In 1924 there were 2,483 cars that were previously registered that did not take out a license, making a total loss to the revenue of the province of \$61,463.52. In 1925, 3,663 cars, previously registered, had no licenses taken out or a loss in revenue of \$89,241. In two years this province had lost \$150,706.52 by the carelessness or worse of the Department of Public Works.

HEALTH ACT BLAMED.

He would, he felt, be failing in his duty to the county he had the honor to represent, if he did not devote a few

remarks to the Health Act. In 1917 the total cost of health administration in this province was \$13,025. The estimate for this year was \$102,026, almost eight times what it was in 1917. Had we received eight times as much benefit? He did not think so. If he had his way he would cut off the "high-faluting fandangulums" and useless appendages to this act of a "Radical" and place the health of the people on an economic basis.

He felt also that economy might be practiced in regard to vocational education. He was not against the principle of aiding everyone to get more education, for education developed along proper lines made for an intelligent nation. But he did not think that in this province of \$80,000 we could afford to increase the grants along this particular line.

In conclusion he appealed once more to every member of the House to aid the government in an effort to economize, and to impress upon them the necessity of doing away with a number of new bureaus that had been created during the last few years.

ACCEPTS CALL TO SALISBURY CIRCUIT

Rev. E. S. Weeks, M.A., B.D., of Bayfield, N. B., has accepted a call to the Salisbury circuit for the ensuing year. Mr. Weeks had an urgent request to remain at Bayfield for the sixth year but declined it.

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